

The No Child Left Behind Act

The *No Child Left Behind Act* is Good News for Children and Families of New Jersey:

- Benefits an estimated 1.2 million New Jersey public school children, 2,383 New Jersey public schools, and 98,395 New Jersey teachers.
- Increases federal education funding for New Jersey to more than \$1 billion to help local schools ensure that no child is left behind - more than \$146 million more than last year, and a 38 percent increase over 2000 levels.
- Increases Title I funding to more than \$290.7 million to boost the quality of education for disadvantaged children of New Jersey - more than \$61 million more than last year, and a 51.9 percent increase over 2000 levels.
- Provides more than \$18.4 million in funding for Reading First to ensure that every public school child in New Jersey learns to read at or above grade level by the third grade.
- Requires every classroom in New Jersey to have a highly-qualified teacher and provides more than \$65.2 million to train and retain skilled educators.
- Provides an estimated \$11 million to help ensure safe and drug-free schools in New Jersey.
- Provides an estimated \$7.4 million to fund after-school programs for at-risk children in New Jersey.
- Provides more than \$8.8 million in funding to help New Jersey school districts assess how well children are learning and teachers are teaching.
- Increases Pell Grant funding to an estimated \$208 million - \$13.8 million more than last year, and a 24.6 percent increase over 2000 levels - to ensure greater access to a college education for deserving New Jersey students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Note: Funding figures are U.S. Department of Education estimates
Other figures include data from the Department's National Center for Education Statistics at www.nces.ed.gov

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